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Wire sculpture artist Charmaine Lurch adds details onto a wired bee frame. Lurch has been preparing the sculptures to offer community workshops over the summer months in Haliburton. /Submitted

Bees in the trees

EMILY STONEHOUSE

County Life Staff

We've all heard the phrase "see the forest for the trees," but what about seeing the forest for the bees?

That's what the Haliburton Sculpture Forest is aiming to do for their newest collaboration with artist in residence Charmaine Lurch.

"We've had dancers before as artists in residence," said Jim Blake, the curator of the Sculpture Forest, "but we have never had a visual artist. And there are many layers to Charmaine as an artist."

Lurch is a multidisciplinary artist with a Masters in environmental science, whose work focuses on the intricacies of relationships between humans and the natural world. She has exhibited at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal, and the National Gallery of Jamaica to name a few. She has also showcased installations at Nuit Blanche in Toronto and the University of British Columbia's Liu Institute.

In her artist statement for the upcoming installation, Lurch noted that approximately 75 per cent of North American plant species require an insect to pollinate. Most of the time, bees are up to the task. "Wild bees are hard to see unless they've landed on something or they're dead," she said, "I wanted for them to be seen and their vital role in our ecosystem recognized."

But unlike many art installations, Charmaine wanted the community to "bee" as involved as possible. That is why she is hosting two wild bee making workshops over the summer to kick off her installation.

Over the winter months, Lurch has been creating the wired bodies of the wild bees, and for two weeks in the summer, she is inviting anyone to join her in putting together the arms, the legs, and the wings of these fantastical wild bees. "I love the idea of having installations for this very reason," said Blake. "It really gets people involved." Blake shared that people are welcome to drop by for an hour, a day, or even the whole week. The program is free of charge, and all bees that are created will be landing in the Sculpture Forest for visitors to see.

The Sculpture Forest saw over 40,000 visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, visitation has wavered slightly, but it is still the number one destination for visitors in Haliburton County, based on County Tourism information.

With that in mind, Blake is cognizant of the environmental impact these visitors could have on the trails and the forest as a whole. "There are two parts of a sculpture forest," he said. "One is obviously the sculptures, but the other is the forest. We are stewards of the forest, and we really need to pay attention to that."

Artist Charmaine Lurch will be holding an artist talk on June 28 at 4:45 p.m. in the Great Hall at the Haliburton School of Art + Design. All are welcome, and there is no charge to attend. To join the wire sculpture drop-in sessions over the summer, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

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Reflections on Pride Month at the Library

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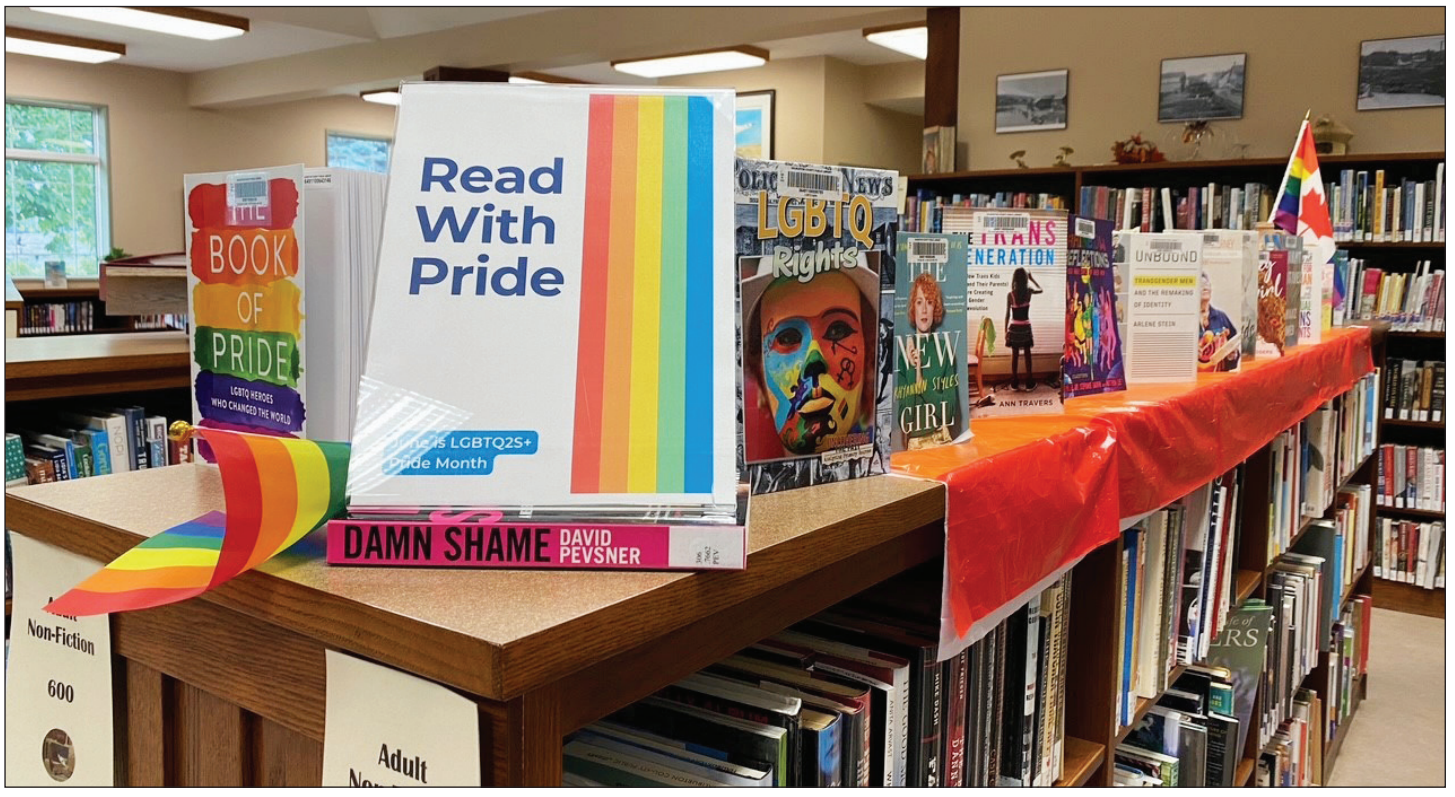

Pride displays were up for the month of June at the Minden HCPL branch. /Submitted

Public libraries are for everyone. Throughout the year we celebrate various communities, mark special weeks and months, and create displays to inform and to welcome. A community is composed of all types of folks, and library users are also taxpayers who deserve to see themselves represented at their library branch. If there's something you'd like to read, we do our best to track it down and get it for you. If there's a program or something else you'd like to participate in, we appreciate feedback and seek resources, staff assistance, and community partnerships to find a way to make it happen. And Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is definitely on a roll, given the amount of community support we receive. We are so grateful for this.

The library is a place for fun, literacy, lifelong learning, and it's an organization that provides universal access and promotes intellectual freedom for all. If there's something you don't like at the library, then it's simple: we ask you not to choose that reading material for you or your family or attend events that aren't of interest to you. Fortunately, there will undoubtedly be something else that does appeal to you – I can guarantee it – and so can every library worker in the country. Despite what some people may think, we don't operate independently from other library systems. We cooperate with neighbouring communities, and their libraries, near and far. We belong to several networks of libraries across Ontario, and we have additional connections as a County library system. This spirit of cooperation means we constantly lend expertise, share great ideas, and support other communities through the exchange of information. This includes the Interlibrary Loan program, for example, whereby we do our best to find the book you want or need, even if it's in a city several hours from here. Public libraries were created through cooperation, and it's one of the rare places you can come and enjoy your time without the expectation of needing to pull out your wallet. You are welcome. Your neighbour is welcome.

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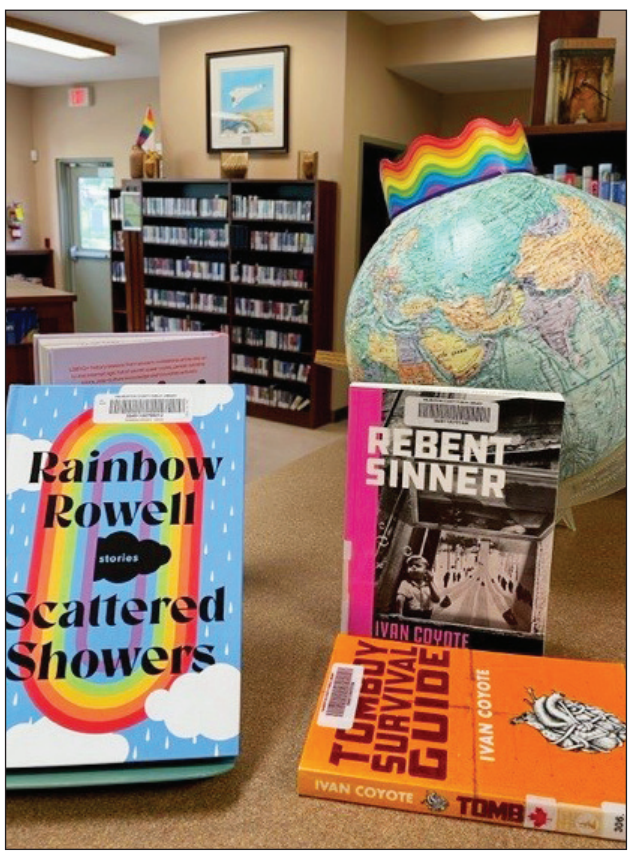
neys: whether it's technology help to bring community members up to speed in an ever-changing digital world, or writing courses, ukulele lessons, or advising you on your next great read, we are here for you. Year round, often with personalized attention, enthusiasm, and always with care for your safety and wellbeing. So, when we celebrate the LGBTQ2+ library patrons who enjoy our branches, those taxpaying families, individuals, and allies we know who tell us how much they appreciate our displays, reading recommendations and programs, happening during Pride Month (but also throughout the year), we aren't just following HCPL's Statement of Values. We're recognizing and supporting our community, just as we do every time we open our doors.

As someone recently said on social media, "I don't know who needs to hear this but, 'good people' don't spend their time harassing marginalized communities." Unfortunately, Pride Month at HCPL was disrupted by someone hiding and then stealing library books they didn't like seeing on the shelves at a couple of our branches. Imagine that, taking property that a community has collectively purchased!

To be fair, we've had people tell us over the years that we should ban (and even burn!) DVDs or books they personally object to. A poster featured in one of our Pride displays this month was also taken. And for the past eight months, a community member or two has put photocopied sections of the Criminal Code of Canada in the book drop boxes at various library branches. I have quite a pile on my desk now, and they often include short notes such as, "You are committing a crime!" You might think library staff morale would be impacted by this criticism, but ultimately, we invest this negative energy into making our displays bigger and better – and by replacing the stolen books with an extra copy or two.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but fortunately terrible opinions don't get to trump or control the library experience of other patrons at HCPL. We generally know who the folks disrupting our facilities might be. They occasionally surface when we present certain programming or when they discover something they don't like in our online catalogue and point it out to us. They're often initially straightforward with emails, calls, or visits to my office, where they express their opinion and push for some kind of censorship. But if they aren't satisfied with answers about intellectual freedom, that's when they seem to take a vigilante approach. There are just a handful, but they make up for their number with intensity and persistence.



We know our communities very well, and we receive feedback regularly that HCPL is a vibrant community hub that empowers residents and visitors in Haliburton County. The love for our local library system is strong. Rarely a week goes by before someone supports us in some new and exciting way. Last week a major Canadian children's author stopped into the office. Not only did she donate some of her books, but she offered us her time. She's going to help us by participating in Storytimes this summer that will be amazing for kids and their families. Libraries are for everyone. Love your local library.

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Canada Day – then and now

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

THOUGH MANY PEOPLE may consider the 24th of May weekend to be the unofficial start to summer, there can be no doubt that July 1 is when it truly hits its stride.

School's out, the water is warm(er) and it's time for a day off or possibly even a long weekend. Today, the occasion is marked by celebrations across the country, but what did it look like in the past?

That likely depended on where you were and what year it was. Locally, in Haliburton County, 1867 was, at one time, just as likely to be remembered as the year of the establishment of the Municipality of Dysart et al as the year in which Confederation took place.

On January 7, 1867, Dysart's first council met in the local schoolhouse up on the hill above St. George's Church. Captain John Lucas was declared Reeve by acclamation, while James Erskine took up the position of the Municipality's first Clerk.

At the time, it was a community focusing on its needs and growth at the local level, and though there would have been great interest in the discussions leading to Confederation, those discussions must have seemed, in some ways, a world away.

That said, Haliburton County has always made time for celebration. Even before July 1 was officially recognized as a holiday in 1879, there were celebrations held locally.

One notable event in 1870 saw a community picnic, which featured games and competitions for all ages. Despite the over 150 years that have elapsed since then, it sounds in many ways like Canada Day festivities we'd still recognize today.

The name Canada Day, however, came much later. In its early days, the occasion was known as Dominion Day, a name to recognize the country's position at the time as the Dominion of Canada and the still closely linked relationship between Canada and the United Kingdom.

Calls for a change to the name of the occasion began to be heard in the late 1940s. Even at that point, Canada Day was the suggestion, but it was a fraught discussion, as those with differing views on what Canada's relationship with Britain was and should be moving forward debated at the federal level.

In the 1960s, Canadian nationalism and a sense of national identity gained momentum, as the centennial of Canada's Confederation approached. It was an era which saw the construction of many landmarks and the founding of many institutions, such as community museums (including the Haliburton Highlands Museum!)

In fact, as the museum grew and expanded, it gained its own link to Dominion Day. The museum's "new" building in Glebe Park was officially opened on Dominion Day in 1980, after a move from its original location by Rotary Park.

It wasn't until the relatively recent date of 1982 that the decision was officially made to change the name of Dominion Day to the Canada Day we know today. While Canada Day continues to be a major celebration across the country, it's also important to remember that the story of this land didn't begin in 1867 – it extends back thousands upon thousands of years.

As well as a day to celebrate, it's also a day to learn, to reflect and to look to the future and see how we can continue to make things better.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Top 10 excuses for crying during a movie

ADMIT IT. THERE are times you cry during movies. But, take heart, this doesn't mean you have to admit that you are a sentimental person whose emotions can be so easily manipulated by a, imaginary story and good acting (or a kind-hearted bear who had to leave the boy who loved him to make his own life in the wilderness. Damn you, Gentle Ben!).

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

Instead, you can do the right thing and just make up excuses for why your eyes are watery and tears are rolling down your cheeks. Here are my top 10.

1. New underwear riding up big time.
2. Got to thinking about my income tax.
3. Calculating the Leaf's chance of winning another Stanley Cup.
4. Wondering why a merciful God would have created kale?
5. Just visualizing the last time I peeled onions.
6. She should have chosen the doorman!
7. Was thinking about the price of the popcorn.
8. Not going to lie. I feel a little responsible for the shrinking ice polar ice caps.
9. Duh, it's called acting!
10. Imagining what it would be like to be forced to watch this movie twice.

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There seems to be a lonely loon
All plaintive on the bay
We fall asleep to same wild songs
Through night and into day

Apparently it's typical
To hear these in July
Particularly patterned notes
Haunt water far and nigh

We stop our thoughts to listen in
Believing we are blessed
With esoteric rarity
Entitlement in chest

Among loon's mystic melodies
Come moments they're obscured
From surface, disappearance
When a darting fish has lured

Sweet boy soprano soloist
Below the waves for lunch
It's after all 'a diving duck'
And not a poet's hunch

That life's a string of magic stuff
Since all this world's a stage
And even things ethereal
Have bellies to assuage!

By Deborah J Reed

Annual Review

Members of the 1129 Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps file in line ahead of the annual Cadet Review on Tuesday, June 13. The 38th annual Cadet Review took place at the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton. Retired Capt. Cameron McKenzie was the Reviewing Officer Tuesday evening while a number of distinguished guests attended the review and awards ceremony. /ADAM FRISK Special to County Life

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Visit the lives of generations past. Can you imagine the significance of that picture of them in 1940? Wartime. He must have looked so dashing in his uniform and she was just so lovely. It is an era of heightened fears and emotions.

Yet, they smile. Is it a smile of knowing they have their love to get them through? They are happy. He had just turned 23 and she was 19, almost 20. It is their wedding day: Monday, March 4 at 7 a.m. Young and married during wartime. How different it might have been if there was no war. Would they have had to be married at such an unusual time downstairs in the church basement if it were not during Lent? Weddings were not permitted upstairs during Lent. One would have thought that this rule would have been relaxed during wartime. Her parents didn't come to the wedding. They would not go to a Catholic Church. How strange not to go to your daughter's wedding, especially when her parents were Chuch of England. Close but obviously not close enough. Her parents hosted a wedding breakfast at their home. Did they take pictures? Where are the photos? I want to see their wedding photos. There are none. "The bride was gowned in heaven blue with grey fur jacket and grey accessories. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet of roses, sweet peas and lily of the valley." (newspaper clipping).

At some point down life's path, she was angry and she tore up the wedding pictures. Sad for her and sad for me. I want to see those wedding pictures. Blinded by her hurt, she didn't think of the children, grandchildren and generations still to come. The irony is she loved him then and he loved her and their love persevered… "until death do us part." Those pictures would have been memories of a wonderful day in their lives and mine. Hurtful memories seldom go away but they are softened and even diminished by the photos of the good times. Don't throw away your life's good times.

There are a few family pictures hung on bits of empty wall in a squeezed-in photo gallery in the hallway: grandchildren's up-to-date school photos, children's university graduation photos, and those very 1970s pictures mounted on boards, to mark the first official photo of all four children taken by a door-to-door photographer. Two more: one of Peter as a child with his family and one of me as a child with my family. It is the only picture I have of my childhood family all together: Alice, Jim, Jimmy and me. Makes me a little sad to have just one picture but also beyond happy to have that one picture.

Downstairs reveals a plethora. Picture-taking has traditionally been Peter's domain: mostly old school with a camera! He also organized the photos, mounted them and created several photo wall galleries. Picture-taking was not without its inherent pitfalls. It could often be time-consuming and with four kids somewhat frustrating for him. His dedication was seldom appreciated as we all remember picture taking as the times one or more children would say, "Not now," "Not again" or "Hurray up Dad!" Although we didn't think it was possible, It became even more all-encompassing with his advent into the realm of the video camera. So many hours of so much stuff. Everyday family life, from baseball and hockey games to every birthday, graduation, and so much more. So many videos that no one wanted to watch at the time. So many videos that we all never expected to watch. We lived it. We didn't need to watch it.

Now, however, it is different. We are living on the senior side and want to revisit and have our grandchildren share in their parents' childhood lives. Christmas 2022 included a video of Christmas 1988. Hooked up to the 75-inch TV and we are at the Stelter movies. The kids in the video are 9, 10, 13 and 15 years old. While all ages bring their own joy, those years before they are drivers and we are all still singing together in the car are brief and delightful. We all watched this 30-minute look at times past and laughed at the antics of a quite hilarious family. We smiled at the idiosyncracies of their two grandmothers. Alice and Erna are thrown together by fate with little in common except us. Identified, in conversation when our children were little ones, by their hair colour; Alice is the black-haired gramma

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Writing on the Senior Side

from page 8

and Erna is the white-haired gramma.

Our grandchildren's amazement and wonder as they see their parents as kids in action are accompanied by the amusement of their parents and spouses. Looking back is fun for us all. I will never forget the look on my youngest granddaughter's face as she watched her then 9-year-old mom dancing with Peter and the hoot of laughter when our grandson proclaimed, "Grampa, you are young and you have hair."

There are health benefits to displaying family photos in your home. Self-esteem can waiver during the pre-teen and teenage years. Seeing family photos displayed in the home reaffirms that they are valued and matter. In addition, family photos can help children establish their identity and sense of self. Connections to their roots and feelings of being grounded and an authentic family member are proven benefits of displaying those family photos. Family photos can also provide an excellent opportunity to give children a voice in selecting the photo and locations for them in the home. So, if you are one of my younger readers (if I have any younger readers) with children at home, get out those family photos and display them. Don't leave them on your phone. Perhaps you can even create your family photo gallery.

For those of us living on the senior side, family photos are shown to improve our mental health. Surprise! Okay, no surprise! Family photos allow seniors to reflect on their lives and be mindful; replacing negative thought patterns. Looking at family photos brings feelings of comfort and for me, a few happy/sad tears. Studies also show that engaging with family photos may be beneficial for treating symptoms of dementia. It is called reminiscence therapy. A note to my children and grandchildren. If one day I suffer from dementia, I'd like a daily dose of reminiscence therapy.

A simple photo can have a profound effect. A whole wall or family gallery can reflect the stories of lives lived and loved. I hope you are not one of the people I often hear saying, "Someday I will get these pictures printed." I wish you a family photo gallery and the good mental health benefits it will bring. I wish you the joy and even the happy/sad tears that reminiscence therapy can generate.

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Athletes and coaches celebrated at Athletic Ceremony

VIVIAN COLLINGS
County Life Editor

It was a year of getting "back to normal" in the world of sports at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Red Hawks athletes and coaches were reconized for outstanding performance and dedication during the school's annual Athletic Ceremony on Wednesday, June 14.

"This year is extra special because it is the first time in three years that we have been able to gather together and celebrate Red Hawk athletics since before the pandemic. It's hard to believe, but this is the first time our Grade 12 Red Hawk athletes have attended our Athletic Ceremony," said Department of Physical Health and Education teacher Janice Scheffee said during her opening remarks.

Sports that took place at HHSS in the fall this year were girls basketball, cross country running, girls field hockey, golf, boys soccer, and boys volleyball.

Winter sports came next with Nordic skiing, boys basketball, girls volleyball, and wrestling, ending with badminton, girls soccer, and track and field in the spring.

Awards were given to celebrate athletes on each team showing distinguished leadership and improvement, and major awards were given at the end of the ceremony.

Athletes of the year were Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson, both in Grade 12.

Zagorsky started school at HHSS in 2021 and quickly showed his passion and dedication for sports.

"All the years I've practiced and worked on sports, it just means a lot. This shows that if you work hard for something, you can definitely achieve it," Zagorsky said to the Echo.

Wilson said team sports were one of her favourite parts of going to school at Hal High.

"It feels amazing. I've put in so much work over the years, and I love sports, especially team sports," Wilson said about winning athlete of the year. "I love the feeling of winning it together and working together. [Winning athlete of the year] is a validation of all that hard work, the extra time and effort that I put in over the years."

Although the two athletes were involved in many sports, their time playing soccer stood out to each of them.

"In Grade 11, I thought there would never be a [boys] soccer team while I was here. It was seven years ago they last had one. My favourite memory is having the impact of starting a soccer team again this year, in my Grade 12 year," Zagorsky said.

Becoming a Kawartha champion alongside the girls varsity soccer team was a moment Wilson will always cherish.

"Going in, we all had such low expectations because we were a varsity team. Last year, we didn't do very well, and we were all out there to have fun, and I think that's why we performed well. We just weren't putting so much pressure on ourselves and just wanted to do our best," Wilson said.

Zagorsky's plan for the future is to become a police officer after pursuing a trades apprenticeship first.

Wilson is sad to be leaving HHSS behind, but is excited for the future.

"I'm ready to go off and see what else the world has to offer," she said.

She will be attending the University of Waterloo for an undergraduate degree in biochemistry.

Ivan Zagorsky and Emerson Wilson were named the athletes of the year at the 43rd annual Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Ceremony. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Girls soccer coach Janice Scheffee presents Wilson with the female athlete of the year award.

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Unique Baskets From the Garden and Nature
When: Tuesday July 4, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street
Minden & District Horticultural Society invites you to come and listen to our guest Speaker Sheila Zinman share about creating unique baskets using materials from the garden and nature. Please visit mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca for more information.

Beauty in Biodiversity
When: Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.
Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside Street
Minden & District Horticultural Society invites you to come and listen to our guest Speaker Caroyln Langdon, Master Gardener, on the topic of 'Beauty in Biodiversity, The Role of Native Plants in Conserving and Restoring Waterfronts.' Please visit mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca for more information.

Smiles for Smile Cookies

Audrina Upton, Jennifer Semach, and Apollo the horse smile for a photo in celebration of Tim Hortons donating over $11,000 to Minden's Walkabout Farms programming through the recent Smile Campaign. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

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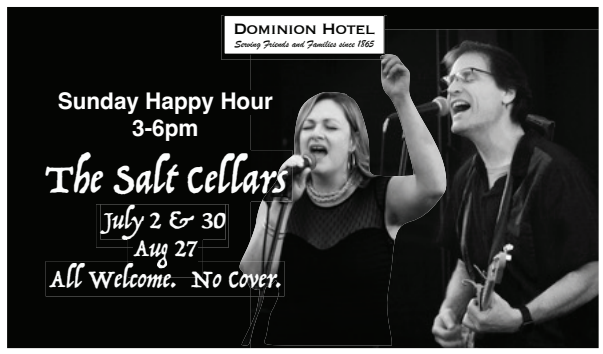

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Queer Night Out

Russell Red Records hosted Haliburton's first "Queer Night Out" on Friday, June 16 where members and allies of the LGBTQ2s+ were invited to connect and share some joy. The event, hosted by Poet, brought many community members who were treated to some 80s music on the turntables and a silent screening of Pretty in Pink while cold Haliburton Highlands Brewing beverages were offered at the bar. /ADAM FRISK Special to County Life

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Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!

Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Every other Friday Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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Talitha Kessler plays host DJ for the night, taking in requests and spinning classic 80s tunes.

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Celebrate Canada Day
Saturday, July 1

Celebrate Canada Day by exploring the communities of Highlands East. Start the day with breakfast at the Cardiff Legion at 9 am. At 11:30 there will be a flag raising ceremony in Wilberforce at the Red Cross Outpost followed by lunch and music. There will be games at the curling club from noon to 3 pm. In Highland Grove from noon to 3 pm take in children's crafts, local entertainment, horsehoes, and BBQ. Kidd Schoolhouse Museum will be open. In Tory Hill enjoy music by Phil O'Reilly from 1:00 pm to 4 pm. Children's activities start at 3 pm in Gooderham with games, face painting, a clown, cake and refreshments. After enjoying a BBQ supper, the Recycled Teenagers will take to the stage at 7 pm.

The grand finale fireworks start about 10 pm.

In case of fire ban, fireworks will be held Sat. Aug. 5th

Giant Penny Raffle
Saturday, July 15

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Tuesday, August 15

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Saturday, July 29

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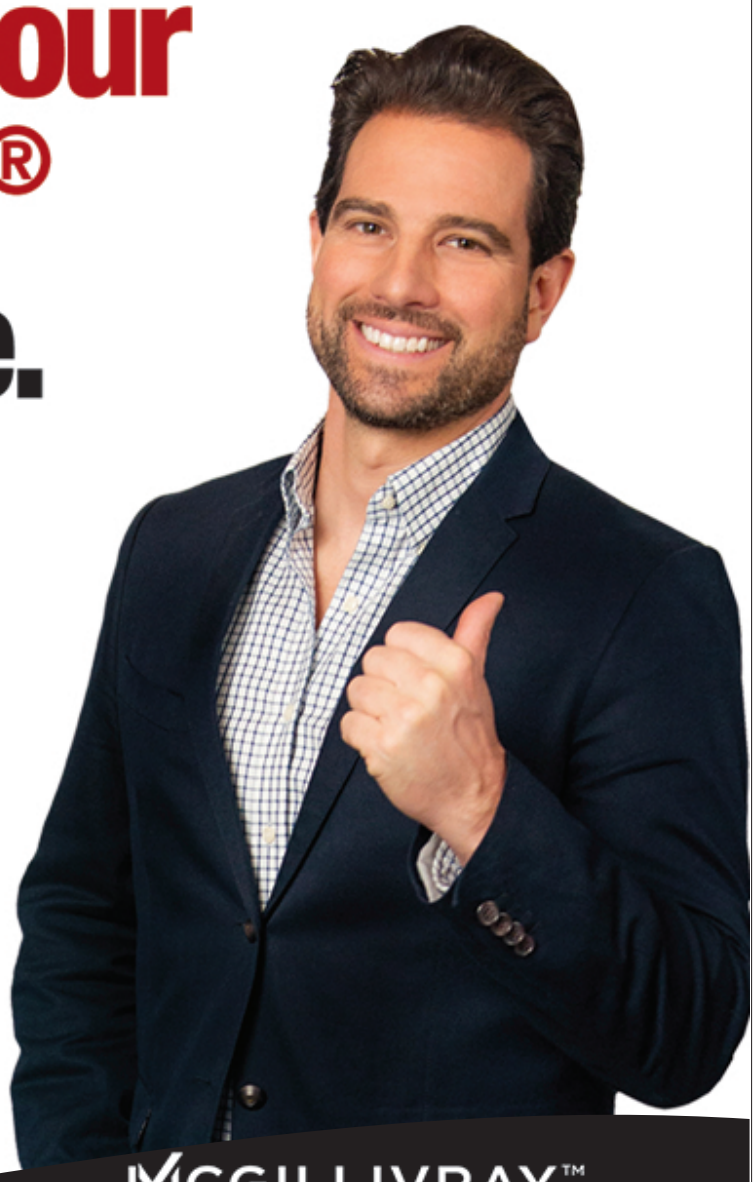

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A Weekend of Blues coming to the Highlands

Calling all Blues lovers! Mark August 25th and 26th on your calendar and plan on being at the Haliburton Forest Logging Museum for a weekend of Blues. The event kicks off on Friday at 7:30 pm at The Forest Festival, starring the acclaimed Jenie Thai with the much-loved Sandra Bouza as her opening act. Then from noon until 10 pm on Saturday, the inaugural Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival will have the Museum vibrating with a broad repertoire of Blues music featuring 8 different acts, ranging from 2-piece combos to the 7-piece band that will wrap up the event.

Patrick Monaghan, President of the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society (HBBS), one of the partners sponsoring the event, says, "It's a dream come true for me. I've always wanted to bring a Blues Festival to the County of Haliburton. Now with the partnership of the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) and support from Haliburton Forest and Canoe FM, I can finally tick it off my bucket list."

When Monaghan, Canoe FM DJ for the show Buckslide Blues Cruise, realized two amazing Blues singers were being presented at The Haliburton Forest on August 25th, he saw the opportunity to turn it into a full weekend event and approached the aforementioned organizations to see if they would help him make it a reality. Once the unique partnership was affirmed, the planning could begin, and it didn't take long to recruit the 8 acts that would round out the event. The Saturday lineup is:

- Sean Cotton and Tamica Herod (2pc)
- Alone Together (Erin McCallum, and Teddy Leonard) (2pc)
- Chuckee Zehr & Cheryl Lescom (2pc)
- Erin McCallum Band (4 pc)
- The Swingin' Blackjacks (3pc)
- Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe (4 pc)
- Jim Dan Dee (4 pc)
- The Smokewagon Blues Band (7 pc)

"The HCFS is very excited to partner on this event. We see it as a celebration of Patrick's (Monaghan's) contribution to Blues music and recognition of his recent Maple Blues award," says Walter Tose, Chairperson of HCFS. Monaghan received the prestigious Maple Blues award in January of this year in recognition of 40 plus years of promoting and sharing Canadian Blues Music.

Ticketing is separate for the two days. Tickets for The Forest Festival on Friday night can be acquired through The Haliburton Forest Website at $35.00 plus HST. (www.haliburtonforest.com)

Tickets for the Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival on Saturday can be acquired at the bargain price of $45.00 for all 8 performances from the Haliburton County Folk Society Webstore. (www.haliburtonfolk.com) Members of either the Haliburton County Folk Society or the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society get a $5.00 price reduction for the Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival. For individuals 18 years of age and under admission will be free but note that a ticket must still be acquired through the online site.

Food and beverage will be available for purchase from Truss Smokehouse.

Don't miss the first-ever weekend of Blues. It begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, August 25th with The Forest Festival and continues from noon until 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 26th with the inaugural Haliburton Highlands Blues Festival.

Submitted

Halls Island Artist Residency

Halls Island Artist Residency, located on an off-grid island on Koshlong Lake, will be alive with creativity and artistic energy this summer. The residency is entering the fifth full year of residencies.

"We are thrilled to host a wide variety of artists from writers to visual artists to musicians" states Ruth Walker, Co-chair of the volunteer Management Committee. "Our Selection Committee was faced with the difficult task of selecting 15 artists from close to 70 excellent applications." Artists will reside alone or in small groups over 9 sessions this summer.

A number of artists will be offering free workshops or presentations throughout the summer. We invite the community to check out the dates and times posted on our website.

Meggan Winsley is an artist and printmaker raised in Haliburton and based in Toronto, Ontario. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and is held in public and private collections. On June 28 you are invited to attend Meggan's printmaking workshop to learn about the creative process of printmaking and to try screen printing for yourself. Participants will leave with a print of local flora and fauna.

Meggan will share experiences of her time spent at Halls Island Artist Residency and her knowledge and passion for printmaking. The workshop is to be held at the Welsh Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is by donation. Anyone interested is asked to register beforehand. Registration information can be found at www.hallsisland.ca. Watch for future opportunities to attend events through the summer.

Halls Island is privately owned by a family whose generosity is providing the residency, accommodations and island access for the chosen artists. HIAR is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, a not-for-profit organization that encourages, develops and supports several community groups in the Highlands.

Applications for the 2024 residency sessions will open in the fall of 2023.

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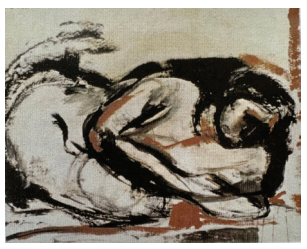

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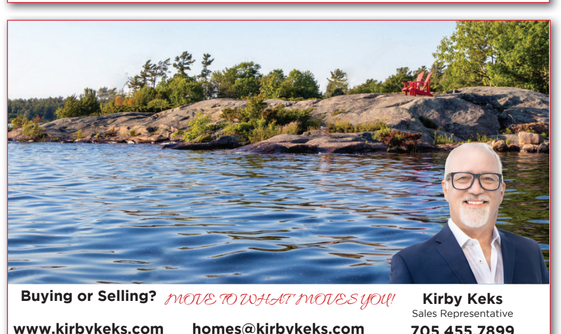

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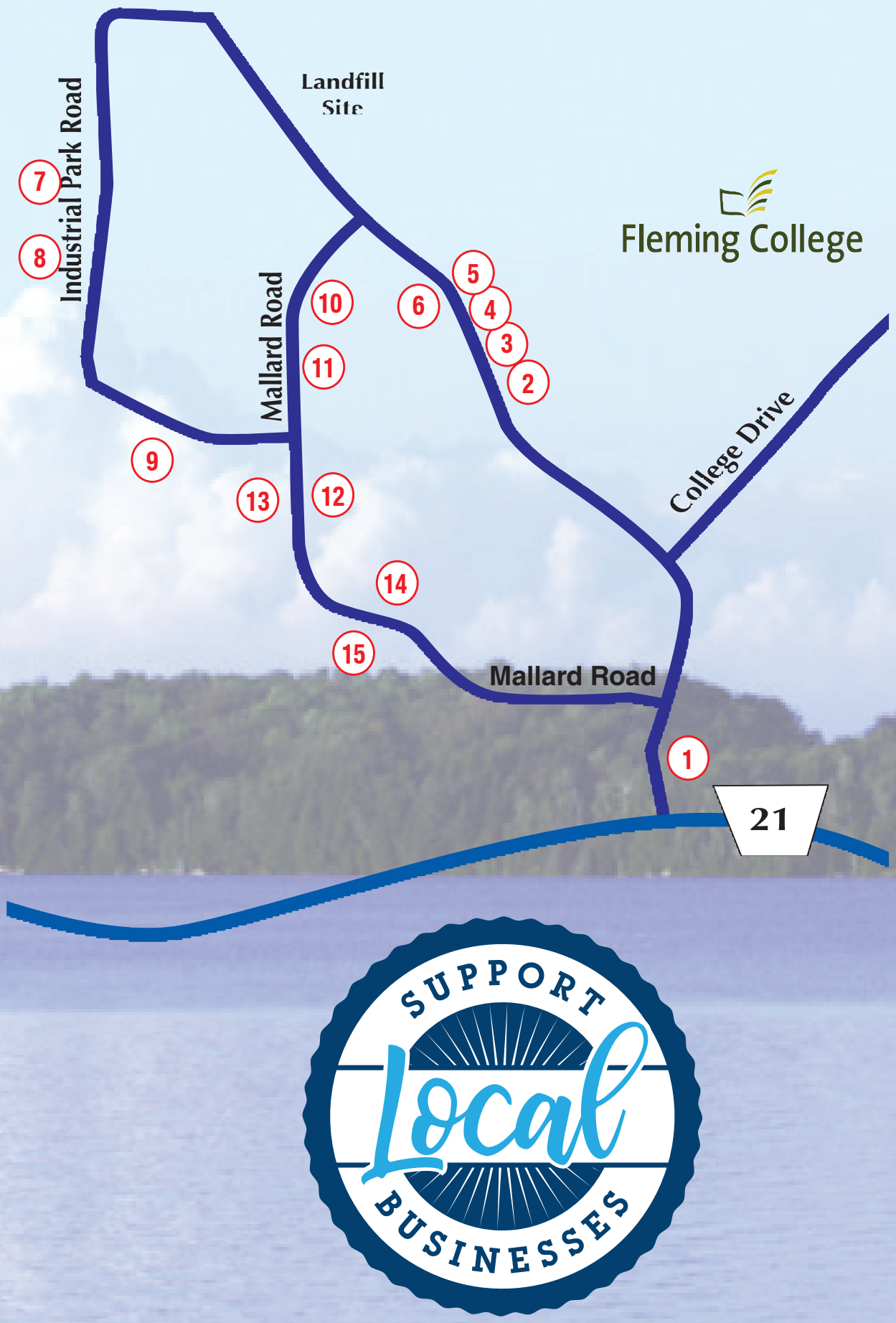

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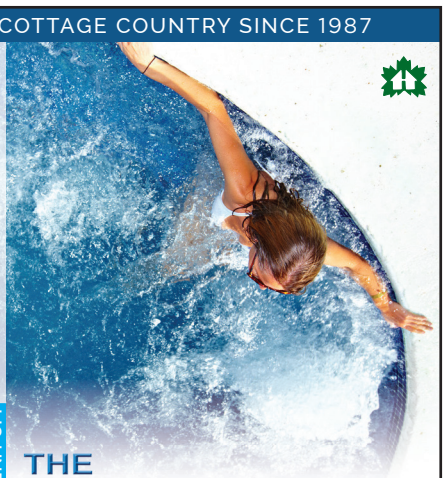

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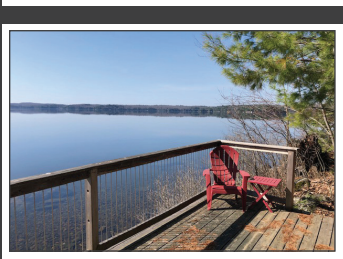

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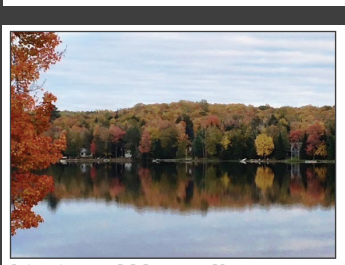

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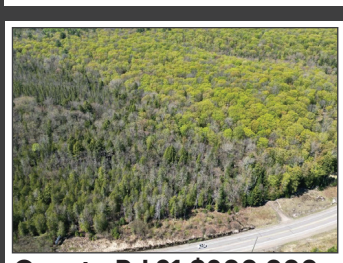

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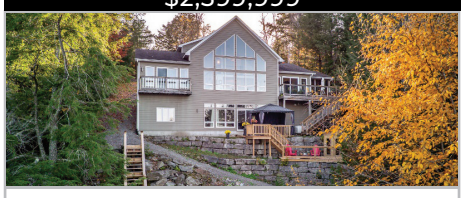

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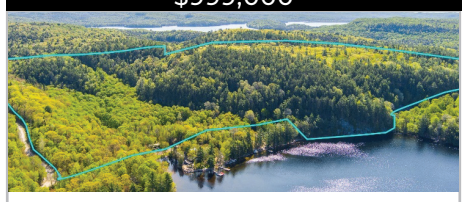

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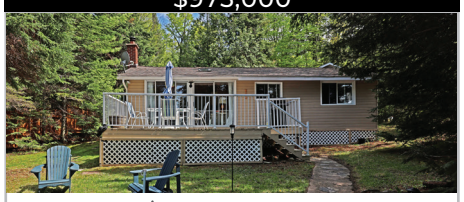

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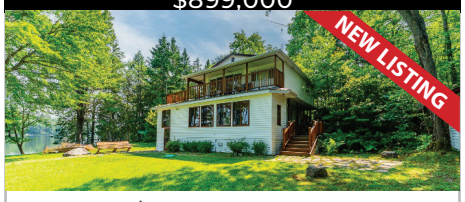

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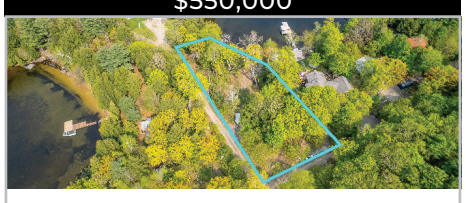

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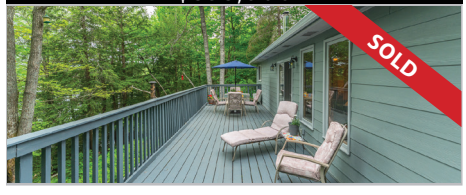

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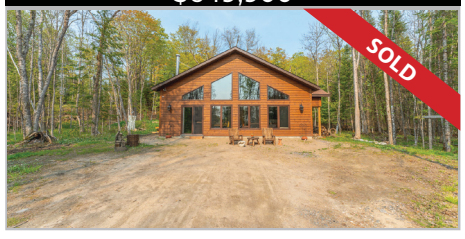

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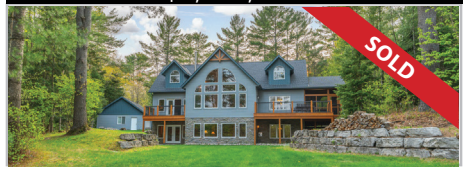

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Gallery expansion is a go

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The arts community in Minden was in full celebration last week as council decided to give the Agnes Jamieson Gallery expansion a go-ahead.

In a four-two decision, Minden Hills council accepted the bid from Quinan Construction to build the addition for $438,850.

The debate began with an impassioned speech from Councillor Cheryl Murdoch.

She recounted the history of the gallery, including the legacy left behind by Agnes Jamieson, who was Murdoch's family doctor as a child.

It was Jamieson, along with Frank Welch, the man who donated his collection of André Lapine paintings to the gallery, that got the ball rolling towards establishing a cultural centre.

As for the collection bequeathed to the gallery, Murdoch said it was a shame to keep it hidden.

"It is worth a lot of money, it's world-renowned, a national treasure, and we keep it in storage."

She pointed to the "stacks of letter from people in this com-

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Good for the heart
Joanna Arthur, Grade 2, Sarah Ridsdale, Grade 2, and Lainey Main, Grade 6, show off their best skipping skills at the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event at Archie Stouffer Elementary School last week.

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Liberal MP John O'Reilly kicked off his campaign in Lindsay on Tuesday.
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Kushog review of Pine Springs calls for more testing

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times staff

The already heated debate over the proposed hauled sewage lagoon at the Pine Springs site recently took on even more intensity.

In an effort to provide a "check and balance" for the site evaluation process, the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association (KLPOA) hired Burnside and Associates to review the data provided by Algonquin Highlands' consultants, Grace and Associates.

Burnside conducted a planning and hydrogeological review of the site, with a focus on possible adverse impacts on Kushog Lake, and concluded that there are a number of unanswered questions in the data.

"The hydrogeological investigations that have been completed at the proposed site for the sewage lagoon construction are limited in extent and further studies will be required to ensure that the proposed facilities would not have adverse impacts on local water resources," the report said.

The observations made in the report by Burnside were based on a review of available data, not on fieldwork.

Burnside's report cited the following deficiencies in data:

• Although the background information used is generally appropriate, no specific references to physiographic features and geology mapping on the site and surroundings are included. This information would be needed to understand the area's topography.

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